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OF THE

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Fifty-first Annual Report.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, the Board of Direction has the honor to submit to the members of the Association its Fifty-first Annual Report.

I.—BUILDING.

During the past year, the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association have caused the outside of the building to be thoroughly painted and repaired, and have made such interior alterations as the increasing wants of the Library have demanded. The question of adequate shelf-room for the books of the Library, which has been referred to at length in our last two Annual Reports, has now come to be one which must be seriously considered. During the year, all the duplicate books have been removed from the Main Hall, and have been stored in a room especially fitted up for their reception, in the upper part of the building. The bound volumes of newspapers, which have recently occupied two alcoves in the upper tier, have likewise been removed from the Main Hall, and arranged in another room, especially set apart and fitted-up for them, so that now there remain in the Main Hall only the books which are in the regular alphabetical arrangement of the Library, and which are in daily use. To disturb this arrangement, by storing any portion of the books, even temporarily, in another part of the building, would seriously interfere with the comfort of our readers, and would impair the general usefulness of the Library; and steps ought to be taken now, it seems to your Board, to secure us against any such contingency. So far as lay in its power, your Board has tried to do this, but, as was remarked in last year's Report, all the expedients adopted necessarily afford, and must

continue to afford, while the Library remains in this building, only temporary relief. The Library has fairly outgrown its present quarters, and its friends ought not to rest until it has a building large enough for it to grow in, and one in which it need no longer fear destruction by fire.

The Clinton Hall Trustees, by an arrangement with Messrs. Leavitt & Co., have enabled us to get possession of two additional rooms on the third floor, one of which has been fitted up and is occupied as a room for the reception and cataloguing of new books, and the other as a Janitor's Room.

II.—MANAGEMENT.

I. EXECUTIVE FORCE.

The total number of persons in the employ of the Library—not including agents in charge of Out-of-Town-Branches—is 24. Considering the number of books delivered and received over our counters, the number of books handled in the Cataloguing and Repairing Rooms, and the numerous accounts kept, both of subscriptions and of books loaned, this force is very limited. In no other Library in America, it is believed, is so large an amount of work done by so small a number of persons. Your Board has every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the affairs of the Library have been conducted during the year, and with the cheerfulness, the fidelity, and the efficiency with which the members of our force, in every department, have performed their duties. In the Cataloguing Department we have had the misfortune to lose the valuable services of Mr. F. B. Perkins, whose engagement in another city made it imperative for him to resign, in November last, the position he has occupied at the head of this department for the past two years. Mr. Johannes Bade, who has been employed in the Foreign Department of the Library for several years, has been promoted to this place. This is the only change in our force to be noted.

The number of days on which the Library and Reading Room have been open for use during the year is 311—being every day

in the year except Sundays, Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day. At the request of several members the Library and Reading Room were kept open on Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Washington's Birth Day. The following table exhibits the number of persons who used the Library and Reading Room, and the number of volumes circulated on those days :—

CHRISTMAS.

Number of visitors,			
Male,	478		
Female,	31		
		509	
Number of books given out,			177

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Number of visitors,			
Male,	319		
Female,	8		
		327	
Number of books given out,			123

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH DAY.

Number of visitors,			
Male,	603		
Female,	68		
		671	
Number of books given out,			459
Total,		1,507	759

2. DOWN-TOWN BRANCH.

On the first day of April last, this Branch was removed from No. 76 Cedar Street, where it has been located for the past three years, to No. 51 Liberty Street, a change made necessary by the increased rent demanded by the landlord of the former premises. The new office, while it is not so large as the old one, has the advantages of better light and of a more central location ; and the saving to the Association in rent amounts to $600 a year. The business of the Branch continues to increase steadily and satisfactorily, and it cannot be doubted that, at some future day,

it will be wise for the Association to provide it with commodious and permanent quarters, and a larger and better selected stock of books. The average number of daily visits to the Branch during the year has been 352. The total number of volumes circulated has been 58,439, an increase over the circulation of last year of 5,427 volumes.

3. OTHER BRANCH OFFICES.

There have been established, during the year, four out-of-town offices—one at Piermont, one at Englewood, one at Dobbs' Ferry, and one at Passaic. The Perth Amboy and the Paterson Offices have been closed. The total number of these offices at the present time is 10. During the year there have been issued through them 24,284 volumes. The total amount of money received from them was $3,899.21, and the total expenditure on their account was $1,375,90. Your Board has received, during the year, many applications to establish branches in various localities near the city, but those only have been accepted where an immediate paying business could be had, and where there seemed to be a prospect of its increasing in the future. We believe that all the branches are sources of profit to the Library, and that they are enlarging quietly, but surely, its influence for good.

4. BOOK DELIVERY.

The number of books delivered at the residences of members during the past year was 12,869, as against 11,880 last year.

5. CLASSES.

The classes this year have been limited to four, namely : the French, the German, the Spanish, and the Phonography. The number of pupils in attendance has been considerably larger than it was last year, the increase being mainly in the Phonography class. The following is a list of the classes, and a statement of the total amount of money received and expended on their account :

Pupils in	French, ...	36
"	German, ...	13
"	Spanish, ...	15
"	Phonography	57
	Total,	121

Receipts for the year, ...	$800 00
Expenditures for the year, ...	695 00
Balance to the credit of the Library, . .	$105 00

6. READING ROOM.

Arrangements have been made with the Clinton Hall Trustees to thoroughly repair, repaint and fit up this room early in the present season. It is the daily resort of a very large class of our older and more studious members, and no pains should be spared to make it attractive, not only in its collection of newspapers and magazines, but also in its furniture and appointments. The number of newspapers now kept regularly on file here is 251 and the number of magazines 238 ; an increase since last year of 3 newspapers and 34 magazines. The average number of daily visits to the room is about 500.

7. BINDERY.

The Bindery, which was established last year, continues to work satisfactorily and economically. During the year there have passed through the hands of the binder and his assistants 9,615 volumes, of which 4,640 were books bought in paper covers and newly bound. The balance, 4,975 volumes, were old books repaired and rebound. Besides these, 70,255 volumes have been furnished with new paper covers.

The cost of binding and repairing 9,615 volumes at the prices formerly paid by the Association to outside binderies would be	$3,221 02
The total cost of running our Bindery for the year, including stock and interest on machinery and tools, has been . . . . . ,	$2,039 58
Actual saving to the Association, . . .	$1,181 44

It has not been found necessary, thus far, to send any work to outside binderies.

8. MAGAZINE DEPARTMENT.

This department, through which are loaned to our members the monthly and quarterly magazines and reviews as they are published, is getting to be a most attractive and useful feature

of the Library. Pains have been taken to make the stock of the magazines furnished for circulation, as comprehensive as possible, and it is believed that our list embraces nearly every popular publication of this kind issued either in America or England. The total number of issues for the year has been 7,601.

III.—BOOKS.

1. EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY.

The number of volumes, exclusive of pamphlets, now in the Library, is 137,203, an increase during the year of 9,966 volumes. We have sold during the year, 948 volumes; so that the gross total of our accessions is 10,914 volumes. Of these 10,729 were acquired by purchase, and 185 by donation. Of the volumes purchased, 8,477 were paid for by the funds of the Mercantile Library Association, and 2,252 by the funds of the Clinton Hall Association.

2. DUPLICATE BOOKS.

The extensive use of our books by the Branch Offices, and the greater care which the experience of the past three years has taught us to exercise in the disposal of surplus copies, naturally tend to diminish the receipts of the Library from this source. During the year, 948 volumes have been sold, and the amount received from such sales was $742.46.

3. DONATIONS.

No money has been given to the Association during the year. The number of bound volumes and pamphlets received were, of the former, 185; and of the latter, 486. We are especially indebted to Senator Fenton, and to the heads of the various departments of the Government, for valuable public documents. The Commissioner of Patents has designated this Library, in pursuance of an Act of Congress, passed January 11th, 1871, as one of those in which the volumes of the certified Specifications and Drawings of Patents are to be deposited. These volumes, which contain certified copies of all patents granted by our Government, together with the drawings of the same, repro-

duced by photo-lithography, are issued at the rate of one a week, and the Library has already received thirty of them. The conditions imposed upon us are, that we shall pay for the binding, and that the volumes shall not be taken away from the building except upon the order of the Courts. It is the intention of the Government not only to publish the Specifications and Drawings of Patents issued since the passage of the Act, but also those issued during the entire period covered by the operations of the Patent Office from the date of its organization.

IV.—CIRCULATION.

The circulation of our books falls slightly below that of last year, the decrease having been mainly during the hot months of last summer, when a very large number of our subscribers were out of the city. The total number of volumes issued was 259,845, of which 164,253 were delivered at the Main Library, 58,439 at the Down-Town Branch, 24,284 at the various Out-of-town Offices, and 12,869 at the residences of members. The daily average circulation was 836 volumes. The largest daily circulation was on the 20th day of January, when 1,772 volumes were delivered. The smallest daily circulation was 128 volumes, on the 1st day of January last. The circulation of books in foreign languages continues to increase, 16,149 of these having been given out this year, as against 14,943 last year.

V.—CATALOGUE.

The current work of the Cataloguing Department has been kept up as usual, and there has been prepared for the press, and will soon be issued, a second Supplement to the Catalogue —a volume of about 250 pages. In this Supplement about 30,000 volumes are catalogued, representing the accessions to the Library from October, 1869, to April, 1872. The form of the Supplement is, in the main, the same as that used for the Catalogues of 1866 and 1869, though some slight changes have been made. The French novels and the German novels have been placed in separate lists in the classified part, for the con-

venience of readers in those languages; and the English novels have been catalogued in one alphabet instead of two, each book being, however, catalogued exactly as before, namely: first, under the author's name; and second, by its title; so that the whole of both the two lists heretofore used are retained. It is believed that this use of one alphabet, instead of two, will be a convenience. Whenever a complete new Catalogue of the Library is made, this plan of a single alphabetical list, with entries for each book, viz.: 1st, under the author's name; 2d, by the title of the book; and 3d, under the name of the subject of the book, will undoubtedly be adopted as the simplest and the most comprehensive one for the purposes of a popular circulating Library.

The following table shows the present condition of the stock of Catalogues:

Catalogues on hand May 1st, 1871,		226
Sold during the year,	20	
Used in Library and given away,	41	
		61
Number on hand May 1st, 1872,		165
In sheets,	163	
Bound,	2	
		165
Supplementary Catalogues (printed December, 1869), on hand May 1st, 1871,		1,290
Sold during the year,	93	
Used in the Library and given away,	232	
		325
Supplementary Catalogues on hand May 1st, 1872,		965
In sheets,	963	
Bound,	2	
		965

VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

I. IN GENERAL.

The membership of the Association is fully set forth in the following table:

Active Members on the 30th April, 1871, . .	6,901		
Subscribing Members on the 30th April, 1871,	4,011		
			10,912
Withdrawn at $4. . .	118		
" " $5, . .	75		
		193	
Accounts closed by the Constitution at $4,	1,776		
" " " " $5,	1,041		
		2,817	
Since added at $4, ...	1,073		
" " $5, ...	1,438		
		2,511	
Decrease during the year, ...			499
Active Members on the 30th April, 1872, . .	6,080		
Subscribing Members on the 30th April, 1872,	4,333		
			10,413
Honorary Members on 30th April, 1871, . .		99	
Since deceased, . . .		3	
Elected this year, . .		2	
Honorary Members on 30th April, 1872, . .			98
Editors using Library and Reading Room, .			85
Clinton Hall Stockholders, ...			1,762
Total number of persons entitled to the use of the Library and Reading Room, May 1st, 1872, ...			12,358

It will be seen by the above that the decrease in the gross total of our membership is mainly due to the closing of the accounts, under the Constitution, of the active members of the Association, whose dues are $4.00 a year, the number of subscribing members who pay $5.00 a year having increased, since the last Annual Statement, 322. In accounting for this decrease in our active-membership list, your Board can only repeat what has been so often said before, namely: that the persons whose names have been crossed from our rolls, are principally those

who have been made members by their friends for voting purposes, and who have little or no interest in the Library after election day. By our Constitution, these accounts cannot be closed until one year after they are due ; and a very large number of them, which were opened in the winter of 1869-70, have fallen due and have had to be closed during the past year. The actual number of active members—those who are interested in the Library for its own sake, and for the benefits which they derive from it—is as large as it ever was before, as the Treasurer's statement of monies received will fully show. It is to be noted, also, that the number of active members who have oined this year is considerably in excess of the number who joined last year.

2. HONORARY MEMBERS.

During the year there have been elected, by the unanimous vote of your Board, two honorary members of the Association, Messrs. Horace B. Claflin and Benjamin G. Arnold. Both of these gentlemen are members of that numerous and powerful class of our citizens—the merchants—who are the especial friends and patrons of our Institution, and, in the opinion of your Board, it is upon representatives of this class that the honors of the Institution should, mainly, be conferred. During the year the Association has lost three of its honorary members by death—Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell, for many years the honored head of the Astor Library, Prof. S. F. B. Morse, and Hon. Erastus Corning.

VII.—FINANCES.

The total income of the Association for the year was $44,678.31. In this, however, is included the appropriation of $1,200 from the Trustees of the Permanent Catalogue Fund, which, of course, is not available for any other purpose than the printing of the Supplementary Catalogue. Deducting this, the net total of the income of the Library from all sources has been $43,478.31, the largest it has ever received. The total expenditures for the year have been $43,213.07, of which $32,721.89 were used for salaries, rent, fixtures, printing, stationery, preparing and print-

ing the Supplementary Catalogue, and running expenses; and the balance, $10,491.18, for books and periodicals. By the failure of the Stuyvesant Bank, in which the funds of the Association had been deposited, our treasury has sustained the temporary loss of $391.19; but there is some prospect, it is believed, that a settlement of the affairs of the bank will be made, by which a part of this sum, at least, may be recovered. No changes have been made in the investments of the Demilt, Grosvenor, and Lorillard Legacies.

VIII.—BOARD OF DIRECTION.

On the 11th September, Mr. Asher S. Mills resigned the position of Director of the second class, to hold office for two years, and the President of the Board was elected to fill his place for the unexpired time. On the same date, Mr. Charles H. Wilson was elected a Director of the first class, to serve for one year.

IX.—LECTURES.

During the year there have been given, under the auspices of the Association, the following lectures:

Oct. 27, at Steinway Hall, Secretary Boutwell, on "*Present Questions Affecting Public Prosperity.*"

Nov. 8, at Steinway Hall, Olive Logan, on "*Nice Young Men.*"

Nov. 23, at Cooper Institute, Senator Schurz, on "*Civil Service Reform.*"

Dec. 12, at Steinway Hall, Frederick Douglas, on "*San Domingo.*"

Dec. 23, at Steinway Hall, Wendell Phillips, on "*Street Life in Europe.*"

Jan. 24, at Steinway Hall, Samuel L. Clemens, on "*Roughing It.*"

These lectures were in the main well attended, and one of them (that by Mr. Clemens) attracted one of the largest audiences ever assembled at a lecture in New York City. The net proceeds of the lectures, $816.31, were turned over by your Board to the Treasury of the Association, and were used in the purchase of books.

X.—FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Scholarships in Columbia College and in the University of New York, belonging to this Association, are all vacant. As the latter Institution is now free to all, our Scholarships there necessarily cease to have any value; but those in Columbia College are still valuable, and should be filled by worthy young men. Although notices have been posted in the Library Hall for several months past, calling the attention of members to these vacancies, very few applications for them have been received, and those were from young men who could not pass the required examination. Messrs. Epstein and Isaacs, who filled two of our scholarships in Columbia and in the University respectively, have both graduated during the year with honor.

XI.—CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

We have to renew our thanks to the gentlemen who compose the Board of Trustees of this Association, for the uniform kindness and consideration with which they have met every request and suggestion made by us, on behalf of the Library during the year. As will be seen by reference to their report, they have appropriated for the purchase of books the sum of $6,103.88, the number of volumes added being 2,252. These works are selected by the Trustees and the Librarian with the greatest care, and it is very largely to their persistent determination to purchase none but the better class of standard works that the Library owes the higher rank which it is taking among the libraries of the country.

XII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF BOOKS AND OTHER PROPERTY.

The following is the report of the gentlemen appointed by your Board to make an examination of our books and other property, in accordance with Sec. 20, Art. 3 of the Constitution:—

To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, appointed by your body as a Committee to make the annual examination, and report upon the condition of the books and other property of the Association, would respectfully report, that they have performed the duty assigned to them and have been afforded much pleasure by the general appearance of the Library, it displaying, in various ways, the care and supervision given to place it in its present condition.

Your Committee, after a careful examination, would report the books in good order and the works of art well preserved.

Your Committee deem it proper to make special mention of the gratification they experienced, in examining the new department arranged for the more careful perservation of the files of newspapers and periodicals. It appears most complete, and promises to add additional value to this most important feature of the Library.

SEYMOUR A. BUNCE,
ALEXANDER RHIND,
J. D. VERMILYE,
GEORGE C. WOOD,
PETER VOORHIS,
} *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 10, 1872.

XIII.—INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF THE MERCHANTS' CLERKS.

We take pleasure in announcing that this Institution, which was chartered in 1848 upon the application of the Chamber of Commerce and of this Association, and in the government of which our officers participate, is in a most flourishing condition, the total amount of its deposits now being $3,557,999.56. The Institution is worthy of the confidence and should receive the patronage of the community, and especially of the Merchants' Clerks for whose benefit it was established.

XIV.—OPENING OF THE READING ROOM ON SUNDAYS.

Your Board, in February last, having become satisfied that the agitation of the question of opening the Reading Room on

Sundays was to be renewed, determined to meet it by directly submitting the matter to the members, for their approval or disapproval. It was thought that, if this could be done at a time when no other feeling than a real interest in the Sunday-opening question should influence the voters, and in a manner which would give those of our members who generally decline to participate in our elections a chance to be heard, we might learn the real wishes of the majority of the Association, and thus settle this vexed question forever. Accordingly, notices, of which the following is a copy, were printed and posted in prominent places in the Library Hall, in the corridors, in the Reading Room, and in the Down-Town Branch Office:

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

SUNDAY OPENING.

In view of the recent public agitation of the question of opening the Reading Room on Sundays, the Directors have determined to obtain, as far as possible, a general expression of the opinion and feeling of the membership of the Association upon that matter. They have, accordingly, provided blanks for the signatures of those who are in favor of opening the Reading Room on Sunday, and of those who are opposed to it, and they respectfully request the active members of the Association to append their signatures to these blanks as speedily as possible. The blanks may be found at the Superintendent's desk in the Reading Room, at the Cashier's desk in the Library Hall, and at the Branch Office, No. 76 Cedar Street.

By order of the Board,

ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

President.

Copies of these notices were also sent to all of the daily and prominent weekly newspapers, and were published in most of them, and every effort was made personally, by the members of the Board of Direction and by the Library Staff, to give publicity to the fact that the question of opening the Reading

Room on Sunday was being submitted directly to the members, and to induce them to give in their signatures. The blanks were ready for signatures on the 18th day of March, and they remained open until the 25th of April. During that time the blanks for those in favor of opening received 1,075 signatures, while the blanks for those opposed to opening received 246 signatures. It appears, therefore, that, of the 6,080 active members of the Association, only 1,321 took interest enough in the question to vote upon it, and that, of these, a clear majority of 829 were in favor of the Sunday-opening. While, perhaps, it may be questioned whether, if all the members had voted, the result would have been the same, yet your Board took the view that, as all had had the opportunity to vote, it was to be presumed that those who did not vote were either indifferent to the subject or acquiesced in the propriety of opening the Reading Room on Sunday, and that it was the duty of the Board to carry out the expressed wishes of the majority of the voting members.* The following resolutions were, therefore, at a special meeting, held April 27th, unanimously adopted and signed by all the members of your Board. On the following day they were sent to the President of the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association :

Resolved.—That this Board request the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, to permit the Reading Room of the Library to be open in future on the Sabbath day, between the hours of one o'clock and ten o'clock P. M.

Resolved.—That a copy of the foregoing resolution, signed by the members of this Board, be transmitted to Mr Wilson G. Hunt, President of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association.

On the 1st day of May, the following communication was re-

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* This view, it is fair to add, was further strengthened by the proceedings of a public meeting, called by several prominent members of our Association, and held at Cooper Institute, on the evening of April 22. The meeting was one of the largest ever held in the city, and was addressed by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who took strong grounds in favor of throwing open Reading Rooms and Libraries on the Sabbath. Resolutions, calling upon the managers of this and other libraries to open them on that day, were unanimously adopted.

ceived from the Trustees, announcing their compliance with our request, but fixing the hours for opening at from 1 to 9 P. M.:

Clinton Hall Association,
New York, May 1st, 1872.

A. W. SHERMAN, ESQ.,

President Mercantile Library Association:

Dear Sir: The communication addressed to Wilson G. Hunt, President of the Clinton Hall Association, was duly received and read at the meeting of the Trustees, held on Tuesday, April 30th, at which the following preamble and resolution were passed:

Whereas.—The Directors of the Mercantile Library Association have again asked permission to open the Reading Room on Sundays—

Resolved.—That the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, after giving the subject mature consideration, do hereby consent, that, as an experiment, the officers of the M. L. A. be permitted to open the Reading Room on Sundays, between the hours of 1 o'clock P. M. and 9 o'clock P. M., with such regulations as shall secure good order, a proper observance of the day, and with due regard to the feelings of those entertaining opposite opinions.

Passed by the following vote. *Yeas:* Messrs. Hunt, Coffin, Bailey and Camp. *Nays:* Messrs. Dodge, Faile and Myers.

I am, my dear sir, yours truly,
HUGH N. CAMP, Secretary.

Directions were accordingly given to the Librarian to open the Reading Room on Sunday, May 12th, which was done. The number of visitors on that day were:

In the afternoon, ...	109	
In the evening, ...	37	
		146
Male, ...	145	
Female, ...	1	
		146

Thus has been settled quietly and without embittering, it is hoped, the feelings of any of our friends, a question which has long been agitated, and which it was, at one time, feared might seriously embarrass, if it did not permanently injure the Institution. Let us hope that all the good anticipated by those who have pressed the measure to its successful accomplishment may be realized, and that none of the harm may ensue which those who have opposed it have predicted.

On behalf of the Board,

ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

President.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association of the city of New York, was held in the Reading Room, Clinton Hall, Astor Place, on Tuesday evening, May 14th, 1872. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock, by the President of the Association, Mr. Arthur W. Sherman, who took the chair. The minutes of the Fiftieth Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the President and of the Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association were read, and, upon motion of Mr. Charles F. Allen, were accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report. The Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, Mr. George B. Mills, submitted his Report for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1872, which was, upon motion, approved and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The President read the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Direction. Upon motion of Mr. E. P. Weed the report was approved, and the officers of the Association were ordered to have the usual number of copies printed for the use of members.

Mr. Henry D. Lloyd offered the following:—

Resolved, that the members of the Mercantile Library Association, assembled in their Annual Meeting, hereby tender to the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, and to the Board of Direction of the Library, their earnest thanks for their prompt action in opening the Reading Room of the Library on Sundays in compliance with the wishes of a majority of the members.

Mr. A. W. Green moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "prompt."

Mr. E. P. Weed moved that the Amendment and the Resolution be laid upon the table. Lost.

The question being taken on the amendment, it was, upon division, declared to be lost.

Mr. W. F. T. Chapman moved that all after the word "*Resolved,*" in the Resolution, be stricken out. Carried.

Mr. Joseph H. Lecour offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the thanks of the members of the Mercantile Library Association, are due, and are hereby tendered to the Members of the Board of Direction, for the very able and efficient manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Association during the past year.

The meeting then adjourned.

JOHN O. EGBERT,
Recording Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association:

I herewith transmit the Annual Statement of the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, as presented by their Treasurer, Edmund Coffin, Esq., showing the receipts and expenditures for the year ending April 30th, 1872; also, the books bought by the Trustees and placed in the Library, the moneys on hand, and the investments made on account of the Contingent Fund, created for the erection, at some future day, of a fire-proof building for the protection of the Library.

The Trustees have leased to Messrs. George A. Leavitt & Co. (the present occupants) the entire building not used by the Mercantile Library, for a period of five years, from May 1st, 1872, at an annual rental of nineteen thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON G. HUNT,

President of the Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May 14th, 1872.

[APPENDIX II.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

May, 1871.	Balance on hand, as per last report	$5,308 53	
	Rents for one year	20,000 00	
			$25,308 53

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Merc. Lib'y Ass'n.	Clerical Services.	$500 00
" " " "	Rent Down-Town Office	750 00
" " " "	Cleaning Corridors and Stairs of Building	125 00
" " " "	Printing Annual Report	100 00
Purchase of Books and Binding		6,103 88
Fire Insurance on Building		1,091 25
" " Books		274 87
Croton Water Tax		49 37
Painting, Glazing and Plumbing		3,827 54
Repairs of Furnaces		301 43
Carpenter's Lumber and Labor		1,267 02
Advertising		25 60
Coal and Wood		829 26
Amount carried forward		$15,245.22

Amount brought forward	$15,245.22	
Janitor attending to Furnaces	172 50	
Equitable Safe Deposit Company	20 00	
Drawing Leases and Stamps	72 50	
Elevator in Store No. 138 Eighth Street	250 00	
Flag	40 00	
Contingent Fund Appropriation	5,000 00	
		$20,800 22
Cash in Bank		$4,508 31

CONTINGENT FUND.

New York State Six Per Cent. Bonds	$20,000 00
New York City Revenue Bond	5,000 00
Interest	2,341 69
	$27,341 69

INSURANCE.

On Building	$150,000 00
On Books	30,000 00
	$180,000 00

The books purchased during the year are classified as follows:

On Theology	266	volumes.
" Mental and Moral Science	131	"
" Political Science	140	"
" Literature	595	"
" History, Geography and Travels	420	"
" Biography	246	"
" Mathematics	9	"
" Natural Science	130	"
" Medicine	153	"
" Arts	162	"
Total	2,252	
Previous Purchases*	9,512	
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall Association	11,764	

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND COFFIN,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1872.

* The footings of Previous Purchases in the last Statement were in error 413 volumes.

[APPENDIX III.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

George B. Mills, Treasurer, in account with the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York, for the year ending April 30th, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand, May 1, 1871	$57 63	
Received for Initiation Fees	2,511 00	
Semi-Annual Dues	27,478 03	
Duplicate Accounts	2,231 50	
Loans	5,019 28	
Catalogues	164 00	
Duplicate Books	742 46	
Book Delivery	488 90	
Old Paper	121 69	
Interest	1,260 00	
Clinton Hall Association	1,425 00	
Permanent Catalogue Fund	1,200 00	
Binding Books of Clinton Hall Association	362 51	
Lectures	816 31	
Classes	800 00	
		$44,678 31

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Books	$8,442 19	
Periodicals	2,049 69	
Fixtures	382 48	
Light	2,556 04	
Salaries	14,608 89	
Incidentals	2,855 09	
Down-Town Branch	2,322 77	
Printing	1,047 11	
Stationery	1,077 90	
Book Delivery	1,295 06	
Insurance	707 50	
Fuel	13 65	
Advertising	114 86	
Classes	695 00	
Permanent Catalogue Fund	988 36	
Binding	2,039 58	
Special Appropriations to Clerks at Christmas	441 00	
Out-of Town Branches	1,375 90	
		$43,013 07
Balance on hand April 30, 1872, in Bank and in Petty Cash		1,665 24
		$44,678 31

GEORGE B. MILLS,
Treasurer.

[APPENDIX IV.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

[Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, &c., from the 9th of November, 1820, to 1st of May, 1872.

YEARS.	No. of Members who have joined the Library	No. of Volumes acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount expended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount expended for binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820–21	204	1,000	$600 00		$600 00	$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 44		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,397	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,136	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 90	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,409	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855–56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856–57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857–58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858–59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859–60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860–61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861–62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862–63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863–64	1,564	6,047	7,442 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864–65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865–66	3,321	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866–67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867–68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868–69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869–70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870–71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871–72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
	52,403	162,449	$187,543 55	$24,576 46	$27,080 75	$594,948 81

[APPENDIX V.]

CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1872. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Libr'y.	Delivered at Down-Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residences.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature deliv'd.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Lang'es delivered.	Daily Aver'g. *The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.*	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of Last Column.
1859–60	64,263	46,097	18,166						223		
1860–61	79,773	64,218	15,555						277		
1861–62	92,575	76,827	15,748						322		
1862–63	85,273	70,624	14,649						297		
1863–64	102,049	85,092	16,957						355		
1864–65	189,609	156,437	33,172						661		
1865–66	178,218	154,952	23,266			40,102	134,117	3,936	696		
1866–67	206,120	169,219	36,901			52,830	146,402	6,888	718		
1867–68	203,894	151,588	44,060		8,246	54,137	141,214	8,543	710	1,573	Aug. 10.
1868–69	210,066	156,558	45,080		8,428	52,203	150,916	6,947	742	1,346	Feb. 27.
1869–70	234,120	175,110	47,826		11,184	57,272	169,646	7,202	760	1,832	Feb. 19.
1870–71	269,034	184,780	53,012	19,360	11,882	81,519	172,572	14,943	879	1,727	Mar. 18.
1871–72	259,845	164,253	58,439	24,284	12,869	73,167	170,529	16,149	836	1,772	Jan. 20.

[APPENDIX VI.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

No. of Vols., April 30, 1871			127,237
" " added this year by purchase	10,729		
" " " " " " donation	671		
		11,400	
French Books added	532		
German " "	509		
Other Foreign Books added	21		
English " "	10,338		
		11,400	
Quarto	442		
Octavo	4,758		
Duodecimo	6,200		
		11,400	
On Theology	614		
" Mental and Moral Science	321		
" Political Science	446		
" Literature	2,129		
" History, Geography and Travel	1,281		
" Biography	438		
" Mathematics	12		
" Natural Sciences	244		
" Medicine	221		
" Arts	366		
" English Fiction	5,328		
		11,400	
Less surplus Books sold		948	
			10,452
Total Volumes, April 30, 1872			137,689
Less Pamphlets improperly enumerated			486
Total			137,203

[APPENDIX VII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian,
ALBERT M. PALMER.

Asst. Librarian,
GEORGE COOPE.

Cataloguing Assistant,
JOHANNES BADE.

Bookkeeper,
FREDERICK G. BOURNE.

Cashier and Order Clerk,
JOHN A. FERGUSON.

Desk Clerks,

J. N. WING, Chief,
FRANK POST,
WILLIAM H. ARKILLS,
CLARENCE SAMPSON,
JAMES H. WOOD, Jr.,
WILLIAM H. ROBINSON.

Reading-Room Attendants,

MISS LAURA T. POST,
MRS. J. W. HUBBELL.

Collector,
E. F. OSBORNE.

Book Collector,
EDWARD EVERETT.

Janitors,

WILLIAM JAMIESON,
HARRY WILSON.

Messengers,

CORNELIUS J. KANE,
LYMAN CRAWFORD.

Supt. of Down-Town Office,
M. A. OSBORNE.

Binder,

WILLIAM LITTLEFIELD.

MISS LOUISA LITTLEFIELD, MISS ANNIE DUGAN,
WILLIAM TORBOHM, Assistants.

Agents in Charge of Out-of-Town Offices.

YONKERS, N. Y.....A. ANDREWS.
PIERMONT, N. Y.....S. A. JESSUP.
DOBBS FERRY, N. Y.....JAMES PARNELL.
YORKVILLE, N. Y.....J. H. CHRISTIE.
NORWALK, CONN.....W. H. WELLMAN.
STAMFORD, CONN.....W. H. JONES.
ELIZABETH, N. J.....L. B. DAY.
JERSEY CITY, N. J.....H. KNIGHT.
ENGLEWOOD, N. J.....J. COYTE, Jr.
PASSAIC N. J.....Wm. P. McGREGOR.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

Statement of the Condition

of the

Permanent Catalogue Fund.

To the Board of Direction:

In accordance with the Articles creating and regulating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following statement of moneys received and paid out by me, on account of that fund, during the year, ending April 30th, 1872:—

Amount of Fund at date of last Report, May 6, 1871,..	$1,224 05
Returned by the Association in May, 1872,.....	534 81
Interest accrued to May, 1872,.....	246 75
	$2,005 61
Appropriated by the Trustees and paid to the Association, to be expended in the publication of a Supplementary Catalogue,.....	1,200 00
Balance now in my hands,.....	$805 61

WILLARD L. FELT,

Treasurer of the Permanent Catalogue Fund.

New York, May 14, 1872.

[APPENDIX IX.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

1871—72.

DEMILT, MISS ELIZABETH, Interest of Fund, ... $210
GROSVENOR, SETH, Interest of Fund, ... 700
LORILLARD, PETER, do. do. 350

$1,260

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Abbott, Master B. V	6	
Abert, S. T		1
American Antiquarian Society		1
American Colonization Society		1
American Institute of Architects	1	1
American Pharmaceutical Association	1	
American Philological Association		1
American Unitarian Association	1	
Arosemena, Domingo	1	
Baldwin, Jacob L	1	
Bates, Stockton	1	
Beaman, Chas. C	1	
Beekman, James W		1
Beman, S	1	
Borden, T. H	2	
Boston Public Library		3
Bostwick, Dr. Homer	6	
Bowdoin College		1
Brace, Chas. L		1
Brincklé, J. G	1	
Brooklyn Orphan Asylum		1
Bunker Hill Monument Association		1
Burns, Mrs. Eliza B	3	

	Vols.	Pam.
Chambers, Geo. E.	1	
Charleston, Chamber of Commerce	2	
Clymer, Meredith	1	
Conkling, Hon. Roscoe	2	
Cowdoin, Elliot C	2	
Cox, Hon. S. S	5	1
Crerar, John		3
Cumberland University		1
Deems, Rev. Dr. Charles F	1	
Delmar, Hon. Alex	1	
Dickinson, Mrs. Ellen E	1	
Drowne, Christopher R		3
Fenton, Hon. Reuben E	15	
Field, Cyrus W	1	
Fire Lands Historical Society		1
Fish, Hon. Hamilton	1	1
Flushing Library Association		1
Forster, Edward J		1
Free Public Library of New Bedford		2
" " " " Worcester, Mass.		3
Friend		2
General Association of Mechanics and Tradesmen		2
Georgetown College		1
Georgia Historical Society	1	6
Green, Samuel A		2
Harris, Wm. T		3
Hartford Young Men's Institute		4
Harvard University		1
Hatch, E. W		2
Hecker, John	2	
Hedden, Capt. H	6	
Home for Incurables		1
Jackson, H		1
Jacobi, Dr. A. M		1
Jaffrey R	2	
Jay, Hon. John, Vienna		1
Kereskedö Ifjak Tarsulata (Merchants' Clerks' Association of Pesth, Hungaria)		2
Lansing Library Association		1
Lathers, Richard		2
Lieber, Dr. Francis	5	33
Literary and Historical Society of Quebec	1	14
Little, Brown & Co., Boston	1	
Liverpool Free Public Library		1
Long Island Historical Society		2
MacCormick, Hon. R. C	1	1
Maine (State of), through the Secretary of State, Hon. F. M. Drew	1	
Maine State Library		1
Massachusetts, State Board of Health	1	
Massachusetts, State Library		1
Mears, Rev. John W		1
Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco	1	

	Vols.	Pam.
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco		1
Munsell, Joel	1	43
Myers, Col. C. T		1
Nash, Dr. Henry S		1
New York (City of) Board of Health	1	
" " Chamber of Commerce	1	
" " Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction	3	
" " Commissioners of Public Parks	1	
" " Department of Docks		4
" " Police Department		7
" " Sup't of Public Buildings		2
New York (State of) Secretary of State	34	
" " Commissioners of Emigration	2	1
" " State Library	1	
New York City Mission and Tract Society	2	
New York Daily Bulletin Association	1	
Oakley, Henry A		1
O'Dea, James J	1	2
Onderdonk, Henry	2	19
Paine, Dr. Martyn	3	
Perkins, F. B		214
Philadelphia Mercantile Library		2
Pope, Henry	4	
Precht, Victor	1	
Prescott, George B		6
Providence Atheneum		1
Public Free Libraries of Manchester		1
" Library of Cincinnati	2	2
" " " Charlestown		1
" " " Fall River		1
" " " Quincy		1
" " " Taunton		1
Rochester Atheneum and Mechanics' Association		2
Ruppaner, Dr. A		1
Sadlier, D. & J. & Co		1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association		2
Schem, Prof. A. J		1
Shaw, G. H	1	
Smithsonian Institution	1	
Southwestern Bible Society		1
Temperance Society of New York		1
Tennessee State Library	4	
Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass	1	
Tilton, Theodore		4
Town Officers of the Town of Waltham		2
Tufft College		1
United States Chief of Engineers	3	
" " Commissioner of Education	1	1
" " Commissioner of Patent Office	30	
" " Department of the Interior	1	
" " Engineering Department	2	
" " Librarian of Congress		1

	Vols.	Pam.
" " Secretary of the Treasury	1	
" " Superintendent of the Census	1	
" " " of Coast Survey	1	
" " " of Naval Observatory	1	
" " Surgeon General of the U. S. Army		3
" " War Department	1	
University of Minnesota		2
Van Name, Addison		1
Vautier, Philippe	3	
Wait, W. B		1
Washington and Lee University, Virginia		2
West Side Association, New York		1
Wheelock, H. G		1
Whitaker, Thomas		1
Williams, J. F		3
Wilson, James G	1	1
Wood, James H., Jr	1	1
Woolsey, A. H	2	
Yale College	1	4
Young, Edward		1
Young Men's Association of Buffalo		1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati		2
Total	198	471

[APPENDIX X.]

HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association,

MAY 1, 1872.

Hon. Chas. Francis Adams,
William Adams, D.D.,
Benjamin G Arnold.
William H. Aspinwall,
Isaac H. Bailey,
Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL.D.,
Hon. Daniel D. Barnard,
F. A. P. Barnard, LL.D., S.T.D.,
Henry W. Bellows, D.D.,
William A. Booth,
Edgar Botsford,
Hon. J. Romeyn Broadhead,
Hon. James Brooks,
William Cullen Bryant,
Elihu Burritt,
Hon. Benjamin F. Butler,
Hugh N. Camp,
Hon. Joseph R. Chandler,
Horace B. Claflin,
Luther Clark,
Hon. John Cochrane,
Edmund Coffin,
Hon. Schuyler Colfax,
Peter Cooper,
Thomas S. Cummings,
Hon. Charles P. Daly,
Richard H. Dana, Jr.,
Frederick De Peyster,
Orville Dewey, D.D.,
Hon. William E. Dodge,
Prof. R. Ogden Doremus,
John W. Draper, M.D.,
Alexander F. Duncan,
Charles Edwards,
Cornelius L. Everitt,
Thomas H. Faile,
Hon. Reuben E. Fenton,
Isaac Ferris, LL.D.,
Hon. Hamilton Fish,
William H. Furness, D.D.,
Parke Godwin,
John H. Gourlie,
S. Hastings Grant,
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant,
Hon. Horace Greeley,
Hon. A. Oakey Hall,
William Harris, D.D.,
Joseph Henry, LL.D.,
Roswell D. Hitchcock, D.D.,
David Hoadley,
Richard M. Hoe,
Charles Fenno Hoffman,
Hon. John T. Hoffman,
John Hone, Jr.,
Frederick Hudson,
Wilson G. Hunt,
John R. Hurd,
Ephraim H. Jenny,
John D. Jones,
Louis Kossuth,
Richard Lathers,
James Lenox,
Francis Lieber, LL.D.,
Rev. Harmon Loomis, D.D.,
Allan McLane,
Benjamin F. Manierre,

HONORARY MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Manton Marble,
Samuel Marsh,
Hon. F. E Mather,
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL.D.,
Edmund Morewood,
Hon. E. D. Morgan,
D. Colden Murray,
John K. Myers,
Isaac Green Pearson,
S. H. Pennington, M.D.,
President (*ex-officio*) of the Boston Mercantile Library,
President (*ex-officio*) of the Mercantile Library Association, Portland, Me.
George L. Prentiss, D.D.,
William C. Prime,
Rossiter W. Raymond,
Marshall O. Roberts,
Hon. Horatio Seymour,
Jackson S. Schultz,
Benjamin D. Silliman,
Gardiner Spring, D.D.,
Jonathan D. Steele,
Hon. Thomas E. Stewart,
Alexander T. Stewart,
F. W. Steinbrenner,
Henry A. Stone,
Francis Thompson,
John Torrey, LL.D.,
Silas Totten, D.D.,
Richard I. Tucker,
G. B. Vroom,
Horace Webster,
Samuel Willets.

[Horace B. Claflin and Benjamin G. Arnold were elected during the past year.]

HONORARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR:

Joseph G. Cogswell, LL.D.,
Hon. Erastus Corning,
Samuel F. B. Morse, LL.D.

Officers and Members of the Board of Direction

AND

Officers of the Association for 1872-73.

President,
CHARLES H. WILSON.

Vice-President,
JAMES BRUCE, Jr.

Corresponding Secretary,
WILLIAM A. SHERMAN,

Recording Secretary,
HENRY D. LLOYD.

Treasurer,
WILLIAM H. GUION, Jr.

Class, for One Year.

CHARLES F. ALLEN,
WILLIAM A. SHERMAN,
SAMUEL PUTNAM,
ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.

Class, for Two Years.

WILLIAM H. GUION, Jr.,
GEORGE C. CLARKE,
WILLIAM H. LEWIS,
JAMES BRUCE, Jr.

Class, for Three Years.

CHARLES H. WILSON,
PETER VOORHIS,
J. C. CURRIE,
HENRY D. LLOYD.

Librarian,
ALBERT M. PALMER.

Assistant Librarian,
GEORGE COOPE.

Counsel to the Association,
WILLIAM HENRY ARNOUX.

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Permanent Catalogue Fund.

ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

WILLIAM A. SHERMAN,

Cor. Sec. Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

WILSON G. HUNT,

President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DANIEL F. APPLETON,

WILLARD L. FELT,

From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Clinton Hall Association.

WILSON G. HUNT,
THOMAS H. FAILE,
WILLIAM E. DODGE,
EDMUND COFFIN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
JOHN K. MYERS,
HUGH N. CAMP.

WILSON G. HUNT,
President.

HUGH N. CAMP,
Secretary.

EDMUND COFFIN,
Treasurer.